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Dear Harold,

Thanks for your good letter of March 7. I'm glad you specified that you don't want to get into extra correspondence about various controversies now, since I'm extremely far behind with my own correspondence and appreciate the excuse to keep this note short. I think I had better finish my taxes and get a couple of Christmas cards in the mail before I even look for your earlier, unacknowledged, letters - which are in one of three piles on my desk!

For what it's worth, I don't think John Davis failed to send his book to you for any special reason. Neither Ranftel nor I got the copies he told us his publisher was sending us - even after the book was on the stands and I had bought a copy. Standard publisher's procedures, I expect.

As I read it, Davis is not at all critical of you for letting Wasserman into your files; his point (p. 414) is simply that Wasserman and Marcello were concerned about the HSCA and FBI findings.

Davis says he wants to correct factual errors for the paperback, so I suggest you write him and tell him Wasserman never visited you.

Perhaps Davis simply meant, by "Weisberg's files," the files which had been released as a result of your FOIA work (described in the previous paragraph), and not the copies physically in your possession. If that is what he meant, he should fix the language.

Here's the "Fag Rag" article on Garrison & Shaw. Your stories about Dean Andrews et al. are fascinating, and remind me again of the context which made us all reluctant to dismiss Garrison out of hand. I know there is a lot more in my files of letters from you back in 1968-69. It's been quite a while.

So far, nobody except Ted Gandolfo has written me to spring to Garrison's defense. There was a nonsubstantive profile of Big Jim in the L.A. Times, but I've seen no serious critical reviews of his book.

I don't recall you sending me copies of any correspondence with Wasserman. If you did, it's not where I could locate it. Sorry.

Your request for a copy of "the records you said you gave Davis" is, I assume, about the Savannah informant, Gene Sumner. Here are the 21 pages of FBI documents in question. Davis was unable to locate any later followup, perhaps because he specified only Sumner by name. I can't imagine that even the FBI did nothing further. Anything else on this allegation which pops up in your files would still interest me.

Both Robert Ranftel and I are puzzled by your belief that he stole some photos from you. I don't think he would.

With hasty best regards,

Paul

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